(a) whether there is discrimination in the ration money payable to CRPF (Para-Military Force) as compared to the Armed Forces;

(b) if so, the comparative ration money structure of CRPF and other Para-Military Forces with the Armed Forces; and

(c) the steps proposed to compensate CRPF personnel for their continuous deployment in remote, inaccessible and inhospitable areas under the stressful conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The scales for ration money for CRPF & Army are different.

(b) Ration money allowance is given on the following scales:

(i) CRPF & other CPMFs - 2900 calories

(ii) Armed Forces - 3850 calories

(c) Vth Pay Commission has made certain recommendations in this regard which are under examination of the Government.

Use of Black Money

4922. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Dantwate's Call to unearth black money" appearing in the 'Pioneer' dated April 7, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to utilise the black money in the country for productive works;

(c) if so, the estimate of the Government in regard to the amount of black money in the country; and

(d) whether the Government are also considering to encourage to use of this black money for social works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) In the Approach Paper to the Ninth Five Year Plan approved by the National Development Council, the need to tap black money in order to provide the necessary resources for growth and development has been stated. Accordingly, in the Finance Bill for 1997-98, a Voluntary Disclosure Scheme has been announced. While 77.5% of the revenue resources from this scheme is proposed to be given to the States, the balance is to be made available towards financing Basic Minimum Services Programme and infrastructure needs.

(c) As per the study by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, black money was esimated between Rs. 31,584 crore to Rs. 36,786 crores in 1983-84. No authentic study has been made thereafter.

Racket Involving Transport Deptt. and Traffic Police

4923. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to news item captioned "Transport Deptt. Traffic Police indicted, CBI probe into Multi-crore Racket urged" appearing in 'The Hindustan Times', dated April 17, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi had constituted a one man Inquiry Committee in March, 1995 to investigate into the operation of the "Immunity Card System" and to suggest ways and means to check and minimise the possibilities of its malpractice. The Committee in its report submitted to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi in September, 1996 could not, however, establish any apparent collusion between the enforcement wing of the Transport Department and the Delhi Traffic Police in the operation of the "System of Immunity Card."

(c) The Government of NCT of Delhi have since initiated prosecution proceedings under Prevention of Corruption Act against some officials of the Transport Department. The Transport Department has also taken action to streamline the procedure which includes interaction with various Associations of transporters so as to make the working of the Department more transparent.

[Translation]

Fertilizers Production

4924. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the time by which our country would become self sufficient in the urea production and whether any concrete scheme in this regard has been made or being made by the Government;